

## **Report of Executive Decisions**

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This report is submitted for information and summarises decisions to be taken by the District Executive at their meeting on 09 January 2020.

The District Executive meeting is due to be held after the publication of this Agenda and therefore the recommendations may be subject to change at the meeting.

Members are invited to ask any questions of the Portfolio Holders.

### **Background Papers**

All Published

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Portfolio	Subject	Decision	Taken By	Date
Environment	Somerset Waste Partnership Annual Report and Draft Business Plan 2020 - 2025	<p>That the District Executive approves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Somerset Waste Partnership's Draft Business Plan 2020-25.</li> <li>b. the draft budget for 2020/21.</li> <li>c. the amended Inter-Authority Agreement</li> </ul>	District Executive	09/01/20
Health and Well-Being	District-wide strategic grants – funding arrangements with CASS and SPARK 2020-2021	<p>That District Executive -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Agrees to a one year funding agreement for the period April 2020 to March 2021, for Citizens Advice South Somerset and SPARK</li> <li>b) Agrees to a one-off increase of <b>£30,000</b> to the Grants Budget to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Provide an additional <b>£23,305</b> to Citizens Advice South Somerset to further mitigate against the effects of the removal of the County Council core grant.</li> <li>ii. Provide an inflationary uplift of <b>£1,260</b> to the annual grant to SPARK</li> <li>iii. Fund an initial allocation of <b>£5,435</b> as SSDC's contribution to the package of support work with the Citizens Advice as described in Section 5.1</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) Agrees that the funding of CASS beyond 2021 will be subject to the outcome of the package of support work described in paragraph 4b(iii) above.</li> <li>d) Agrees that the future funding of SPARK beyond 2021 will be subject to the outcome of a wider piece of commissioning activity to be determined in line with emerging council priorities.</li> <li>e) Notes that Access for All's future is currently uncertain, and that until further investigative work has been completed on future sustainability, no commitment to funding is being sought.</li> </ul>	District Executive	09/01/20

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Finance and Legal Services	Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/21	This report appears elsewhere on this Agenda.	District Executive	09/01/20
Finance and Legal Services	2020/21 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan Update	That the District Executive: a. Note the current estimates and next steps in respect of the draft Medium Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme. b. Approve in principle the changes to budget estimates in respect of pressures and savings included within the report (para 17).	District Executive	09/01/20
Strategy and Housing	Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance	That the District Executive:- a. Agree that the Policy for Awarding Private Sector Housing Grants/Loans and other Financial Assistance in Appendix 1 concerning the provision of financial assistance for private sector housing and associated matters, including disabled facilities grants be adopted as the future policy of the Council.	District Executive	09/01/20
Economic Development including Commercial Strategy	Commercial Assets Update Report	That the District Executive: a. Note progress made to date in acquiring new commercial investments b. Note the return being achieved across the portfolio which is slightly above the Council's target of 7%. c. Note progress being made in securing income from our existing assets and the contribution to the revenue budget in excess of the original £2.25m target. d. Note progress being made in disposals and transfers of existing assets, resulting in a reduction of future liabilities associated with these assets.	District Executive	09/01/20